

REMARKS

Responsive to a Notice delivered verbally by the Examiner by telephonic interview, November 7, 2008 (the "Notice"), the specification is amended.

The Examiner stated that the specification should be amended to remove references to claims by number.

Accordingly, the specification is amended responsive to the Notice to remove references to the claims. The aforementioned amendment does not introduce new matter.

As noted, the need to make this amendment was identified by telephonic interview, November 7, 2008. The required corresponding change in the specification is made herewith.

Under MPEP § 714.16, an amendment under Rule 312 must be filed on or before the date the issue fee is paid, except where the amendment is required by the Office of Patent Publication. Applicants understand that the Notice of the Examiner and the reply set forth above are in accordance with the exception to Rule 312 provided by MPEP § 714.16, and that the amendment will be entered responsive to the Notice.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned

attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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